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Encl: (1) COMFITWINGLANT Command History
(2) COMFITWINGLANT Calendar Year 1996
(3) Biography of Captain Thomas F. Enright
(4) Photograph of Captain Thomas F. Enright
(5) Former Wing Commanders

1. Per reference (a), enclosures (1) through (5) are submitted.


T. F. ENRIGHT

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COMNAVAIRLANT (N02P)

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet

COMMAND HISTORY

Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet was established on 1 July 1971 replacing Commander Fleet Air Norfolk as supervisor, coordinator and director of operations, maintenance, supply and administration for Atlantic Fleet fighter squadrons. With the disestablishment of Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet on 17 December 1996, Fighter Wing Atlantic assumed the overall responsibility for the continuing material readiness and type training of the entire F-14 community.

In 1996, Fighter Wing Atlantic integrated and deployed the LANTIRN weapons system to the F-14 Tomcat giving it Precision Strike Capability. This phenomenal success is the single most important development in F-14 warfighting capability since the aircraft's initial operational capability in 1972. Other Fighter Wing Atlantic accomplishments include the integration and deployment of the near real time Digital TARPS pod, the Night Vision Instrumentation System and Zuni-Rocket capability for the F-14.

Commander, Fighter wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet is administratively responsible for providing support for Fleet Composite Squadron 8. The Commander coordinates, for the squadron/air wing commander, the scheduling of such functions as safety inspections, aircraft material inspections and modification programs, Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM) schedules, unit weapons deployments and competitive exercises. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet also assists the air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, when squadrons are deployed.

Fighter Wing Atlantic consists of 12 operational squadrons flying the F-14 Tomcat, Fleet Replacement Squadron, VF-101, Strike, Weapons and Tactics School Atlantic, Fleet Composite Squadron 8 and is comprised of 270 aircraft and more than 5,000 officers and enlisted personnel. The prompt provision of services and facilities to Fighter Wing squadrons and their personnel ensures maximum combat readiness for the entire Atlantic Fleet.

Enclosure (1)

COMFITWINGLANT CALENDAR YEAR 1996

1. Command Composition and Organization

a. Mission. To exercise administrative and operational control over readiness training squadrons and other units assigned. Fighter Wing Atlantic assists air wing commanders and fleet squadron commanding officers in all aspects of training and material readiness while shore-based and, when appropriate, while squadrons are deployed.

b. Commander. Captain Thomas F. Enright.

c. Command Relationships. Commander, Fighter Wing, U.S. Atlantic Fleet reports to Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

2. Chronology.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
6FEB96	Fighter Squadron 103 Change of Command. Commander A. B. Hnarakis relieved Commander S. C. Schlientz.
5APR96	Fighter Squadron 32 Change of Command. Commander K. E. Floyd relieved Commander C. A. Silvers.
4OCT96	Fighter Squadron 2 Change of Command. Commander J. E. McAloon relieved Commander L. S. Rice.
19OCT96	Fighter Squadron Composite 12 Change of Command. Commander C. E. Overcash relieved Commander R. S. Dadiomoff.
26NOV96	Fighter Squadron 102 Change of Command. Commander K. F. Daill relieved Commander S. S. Voetsch.
20DEC96	Fighter Squadron 101 Change of Command. Commander J. W. Miller relieved Commander B. T. Goetsch.

3. Administrative Department

a. The Bronze Anchor Award (Shore Command) winner for 1996 was VF-101. The Bronze Anchor Award (Sea Command) and Golden Anchor Award winner was VF-41.

b. Third Quarter Sailor of the Quarter was AT1 (b) (6).
Fourth Quarter Sailor of the Quarter and Sailor of the Year was AZ1 (AW) (b) (6).

Enclosure (2)

c. Command Navy Achievements were awarded to:

CDR (b) (6) - Special act/1996 NAS Oceana Air Show
LT (b) (6) Special act/F-14 Precision Strike Program
LT (b) (6) - Special act/Fighter Fling
LT (b) (6) Special act/Publication of LTS Manual and LTS
Computer Based Trainer
ENS (b) (6) Special act/PAO and 1996 NAS Oceana Air Show
AZ1 (b) (6) Sailor of the Year
AD2 (b) (6) End of tour
AT2 (b) (6) Special act/Auxiliary Retail Outlet
YN3 (b) (6) Special act/TEMADD Assistant
YN3 (b) (6) Special act/TEMADD Assistant
YN3 (b) (6) - End of Tour/Separation
AMH3 (b) (6) Special act/Rebuild of F-14 Tomcat
AEAN (b) (6) - End of tour/Transfer
AMEAA (b) (6) - End of tour/Transfer

d. Battle "E" winner was VF-143; Golden Wrench winner was VF-102 and the Safety "S" was awarded to VF-102.

4. Readiness Department

a. Completed implementation of the F-14A/B/D LANTIRN program. The first operational deployment was completed in December 1996 by VF-103 aboard USS ENTERPRISE (CVN 65).

b. Continued modification and integration of Night Vision Devices in the F-14A/B/D. Completed first operational deployment with VF-103.

c. Deployed first operational TARPS/Digital Imagery (DI) capability with VF-32 aboard USS THEODORE ROOSEVELT (CVN 71). Continued integration and testing efforts for TARPS/DI on the F-14D.

d. Hosted first two F-14B/D Mix Quality Management Boards designed to resolve issues prior to implementation of a plan to mix F-14B and D aircraft in a single squadron.

e. Provided briefing tours, simulator demonstrations and orientation flights for numerous distinguished visitors.

f. Provided F-14 flight demonstration throughout the Continental United States.

5. Maintenance Department.

- Transitioned VF-2, VF-211, VF-11, VF-31 and VF-101 to single site at NAS Oceana.

- Assumed reporting and support responsibility for a total of more than 275 F-14 A/B/D aircraft, under both COMNAVAIRPAC and COMNAVAIRLANT.

- Transferred 12 F-14A aircraft to War Reserve status at AMARC, Davis Monthan AFB. Also inducted eight aircraft into Strike and Recoverability Program on board NAS Oceana and other locations.

- Transferred three aircraft to be used as museum assets or training platforms.

- Supported: 1 F-14A West Pac deployment; 1 F-14A Med deployment; 2 F-14B Med deployments; 1 F-14D (18 aircraft, two squadrons) West Pac deployment.

- Modded 19 F-14A, 3 F-14B and 6 F-14D aircraft to LANTIRN configuration.

- Provided ongoing support of BRAC mandated DEPOT/Engineering Support transition from Norfolk, Virginia to Jacksonville, Florida.

- Completed maiden LANTIRN deployment with VF-103, marking the first ever deployment of this system. Additionally, deployed follow-on LANTIRN systems with VF-32.

- Initiated Low Altitude Warning (LAWS) RAMEC, providing aircrew LAWS warning below pilot selected altitude.

- Submitted modification to simplify CFA Engine Breather Pressure installation, saving eight million in installation and support costs.

- Installed Night Vision Devices (NVD) in six F-14B aircraft and six F-14A aircraft.

- Deployed VF-32 with TARPS Digital Imagery (DI), marking the first ever deployment of this system.

- Coordinated implementation of F-14D support at NAS Oceana.

- Stood up VF-102 to F-14B upgrade configuration, successfully detaching full systems to CVW-1 Strike Detachment in Fallon, NV.

- Installed SDRS in 22 bunos.

- Organized the distribution/reassignment of over 950 maintenance personnel resulting from the Home Port Changes of four west coast squadrons and detailing of LANT squadrons.

- Facilitated testing of over 1,500 personnel through refresher Maintenance Training Improvement Program (MTIP).

- Achieved 72% NEC reutilization within Fighter Wing Atlantic.

- Consolidated 16 F-14 maintenance courses and merged seven in-rate Navy Enlisted Classification codes leading to a 37% reduction in time to train.

- Spearheaded the development of the F-14 Computer Based and Aviation Maintenance In-Service Training initiatives for the F-14 community.

- Developed a comprehensive five year plan for each aircraft that depicts the aircraft's location, scheduled cruises, planned modifications and anticipated SDLM/Time Compliance Requirement dates.

- Planned the installation of the following operational enhancements for all F-14 aircraft: LANTIRN, BOL Chaff, ALR-67, Digital Flight Controls and GPS.

- Planned and coordinated the logistics to support the rework of all F-14 aircraft wing leading edges. This rework is designed to reduce stress in a fatigue critical area.

- Developed a long range aircraft transfer plan that supports an initiative to integrate F-14Bs and F-14Ds in several squadrons.

- Concrete repairs to approximately 1,000,000 square feet of ramp.

- Acquisition of Building 212 for IWSR School.

6. Safety Department

- Installed and accepted ahead of schedule, 2F-153 F-14D Flight Simulator.

- Accepted delivery of and began installation of two of two 2F-154 F-14 Flight Simulators.

- Accepted delivery of one of two 2F-169 F-14B Flight Simulators and began installation.
- Began construction of 2F-95A F-14A/B Flight Simulator.
- Began 15C9 improvements program.
- Changed reporting procedures for all F-14 related mishap hazard reports. Fighter Wing Atlantic will endorse all such reports.

CAPTAIN THOMAS F. ENRIGHT

UNITED STATES NAVY

Captain Enright, a native of (b) (6) graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1973. He and his wife, (b) (6) have two children, a son and a daughter. Their son, (b) (6) is a student at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Their daughter, (b) (6) is a high school senior at Norfolk Academy in Norfolk, Virginia.

After commissioning, Captain Enright reported to USS RICHARD S. EDWARDS (DD 950) in Pearl Harbor, HI. While aboard EDWARDS, he served as the Antisubmarine Warfare Officer and Nuclear Weapons Program Officer. He was designated a Surface Warfare Officer during this tour. After completing flight school in Training Squadrons 10 and 84 in August 1976, he was designated a Naval Flight Officer and reported to Fighter Squadron 124 for training in the F-14 Tomcat. Following FRS training, Captain Enright joined the "Black Aces" of Fighter Squadron 41. In November 1979, he reported to Fighter Squadron 101 as an instructor in the Tomcat. Following this assignment, Captain Enright served as the Flag Lieutenant to Commander, Tactical Wings, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Captain Enright's next assignment was with the VF-32 "Swordsmen" while he served as Maintenance and Operations Officer. In September 1986, he reported to the Naval Air Systems Command as the Assistant Program Manager for F-14 Avionics and Computer Engineering.

In April 1989, Captain Enright was assigned to the "Diamondbacks" of Fighter Squadron 102 as the Executive Officer and then assumed command in November 1990. In March 1992, he was transferred to Commander, Cruiser Destroy Group TWO as the Air Operations Officer. Following that assignment, Captain Enright served as the Executive Assistant to the Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet. In May 1996, Captain Enright assumed command of Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Captain Enright's awards include the Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with Combat "V", Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Individual Air Medal with Combat "V", Air Medal Strike Flight (2), Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", Navy Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Viet Nam Service Medal (2) and various unit and campaign awards.

Enclosure (3)



FORMER WING COMMANDERS

Captain Eugene Bezore	1 July 1971 - 4 January 1972
Captain Wilbert D. Knutson	4 January 1972 - 16 July 1974
Captain Lowell R. Myers	16 July 1974 - 27 August 1975
Captain Gerald L. Riendeau	27 August 1975 - 27 August 1976
Captain John S. Disher	27 August 1976 - 28 April 1978
Captain Samuel C. Flynn, Jr.	28 April 1978 - 31 July 1980
Captain Robert E. Tucker, Jr.	31 July 1980 - 2 April 1982
Captain Frederick L. Lewis	2 April 1982 - 7 October 1983
Captain Roy Cash, Jr.	7 October 1983 - 7 February 1985
Captain Donald L. McCrory	7 February 1985 - 21 February 1986
Captain John F. Manning, Jr.	15 September 1986 - 9 August 1988
Captain Curtiss W. Schantz, Jr.	9 August 1988 - 17 May 1990
Captain Richard W. Potter	17 May 1990 - 24 June 1991
Captain James Flaherty, Jr.	24 June 1991 - 7 August 1992
Captain Robert S. Schmidt	7 August 1992 - 30 September 1994
Captain Dale O. Snodgrass	30 September 1994 - 30 January 1997

Enclosure (5)